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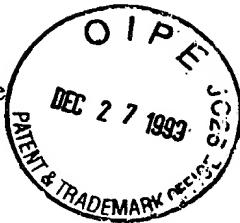
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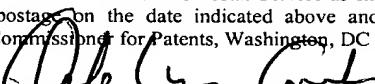
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 24, 1999 in the above-identified application, and having a shortened statutory period for response expiring on September 24, 1999, extended until December 24, 1999.

**REMARKS**

**35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections**

Claims 1-4 and 21-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Krishnamurthy et al. technical journal article entitled "An Event-Action Model of